progress. Further consideration of the proposal would be feasible once the survey report becomes available.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1.50 lakh has been provided in 2004-05 and Rs. 1.10 lakh has been proposed in the Budget 2005-06 for the above survey.

Incomplete work at Turbe - Thane Section

1979. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after spending a sum of over Rs. 109 crores on the Turbe-Thane Section of the Central Railway the work remains incomplete and is going on at snails pace;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in handling the work and the slow pace of implementation; and

(c) the original cost of the project and the cost escalation incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Thane-Turbe Double line commuter corridor on Central Railway has been completed and was commissioned for traffic on 9.11.2004. The project is jointly funded by City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and the Railways in 2:1 proportion. Upto February, 2005 total expenditure incurred on the project Thane-Turbe-Nerul-Vashi Corridor No. 2 is Rs. 321.70 crore (Rs. 197.12 crore by CIDCO and Rs. 124.58 crore by the Railway).

(b) Does not arise as the work has been completed.

(c) The original estimated cost of the project was Rs. 134.3 crore in the year 1996-97 and the revised cost is Rs. 403.39 crore.

Amenities at Bidhannagar Railway Station

1980. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily commuters who use Bidhannagar Railway Station under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is no toilet, drinking water and adequate lighting arrangements in the platform; and

(c) if so, the action taken, so far, to provide passenger amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The daily average number of originating passengers at Bidhannagar railway station is about 22,670.

(b) Bidhannagar is a 'C' Category Station. The Station has been provided with 11 Nos. of Urinals and 2 Nos. of Toilets. 3 hand pumps are available for ensuring water supply. The Station is adequately illuminated by providing 55 Sodium Vapour and Flourescent lamps on all the platforms. As per norms adequate amenities have been provided.

(c) Does not arise.

New reservation rules

†1981. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new reservation rules of Railways have aggravated the problems of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to avoid the problem of passengers travelling on waitlisted tickets in reserved coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Passengers boarding the trains with waitlisted tickets are accommodated to the extent of accommodation available.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.